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1. All in all, do you think that things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>9/01</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>High</u> <u>9/01</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>7/92+</u>	
Right direction.....	62	70	72	43	47	52	45	72	14	[138]
Wrong track.....	20	15	11	39	39	32	36	11	71	
Mixed (VOL).....	14	12	11	14	11	11	15	11	9	
Not sure.....	4	3	6	4	3	5	4	6	6	
			<u>12/00</u>	<u>10/00+</u>	<u>9/00+</u>	<u>7/00+</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>4/00+</u>		
			39	48	51	48	44	44		
			43	32	29	32	38	34		
			14	18	16	17	15	19		
			4	2	4	3	3	3		

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

- 2a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job George W. Bush is doing as president?

	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>11/01</u>	<u>9/01</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>	
Approve.....	82	85	88	82	50	56	57	[139]
Disapprove.....	13	11	7	12	35	30	22	
Not sure.....	5	4	5	6	15	14	21	

- 2b. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job George W. Bush is doing in handling the economy?

	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>	
Approve.....	63	63	50	51	52	[140]
Disapprove.....	27	25	38	33	27	
Not sure.....	10	12	12	16	21	

2c. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job George W. Bush is doing in handling our foreign policy?

	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>	
Approve.....	81	82	50	63	53	[141]
Disapprove.....	13	12	32	26	20	
Not sure.....	6	6	18	11	27	

3a. When it comes to dealing with the war on terrorism, do you think that George W. Bush is doing an excellent job, a good job, only a fair job, or a poor job?

Excellent job.....	43	[142]
Good job.....	40	
Only a fair job.....	14	
Poor job.....	3	
Not sure.....	-	

3b. When it comes to dealing with domestic issues here at home, do you think that George W. Bush is doing an excellent job, a good job, only a fair job, or a poor job?

Excellent job.....	17	[143]
Good job.....	42	
Only a fair job.....	27	
Poor job.....	12	
Not sure.....	2	

4. Specifically, when it comes to dealing with the environment, do you think that George W. Bush is doing an excellent job, a good job, only a fair job, or a poor job?

Excellent job.....	9	[144]
Good job.....	33	
Only a fair job.....	29	
Poor job.....	18	
Not sure.....	11	

5. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is doing?

	<u>1/02*</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>12/00</u>	<u>10/00+</u>	<u>High</u> <u>9/98</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>10/90+</u>	
Approve.....	54	57	47	43	45	48	55	49	61	22	[145]
Disapprove.....	29	29	34	33	32	35	30	35	28	69	
Not sure.....	17	14	19	24	23	17	15	16	11	9	
		<u>9/00+</u>	<u>7/00+</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	<u>3/00+</u>	<u>1/00</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>		
		46	46	43	42	43	48	45	42		
		41	42	46	44	40	36	42	45		
		13	12	11	14	17	16	13	13		
		<u>9/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>1/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>		
		40	43	40	49	41	50	44	48		
		49	41	42	38	45	40	42	39		
		11	16	18	13	14	10	14	13		

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

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6. I'm going to read you the names of several public figures and groups, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
George W. Bush							[146]
January 2002.....	53	26	10	7	4	-	
December 2001.....	54	26	9	6	5	-	
June 2001.....	30	23	16	15	15	1	
April 2001.....	36	22	15	13	14	-	
March 2001.....	38	24	14	12	11	1	
January 2001.....	25	25	18	13	17	2	
December 2000.....	23	25	16	13	22	1	
November 27, 2000.....	31	19	11	19	20	-	
Likely voters November 2000+.....	30	23	13	13	20	1	
Likely voters October 2000+.....	28	25	15	13	18	1	
September 2000+.....	23	26	15	15	19	2	
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High							
December 2001.....	54	26	9	6	5	-	
Low							
March 2000+.....	19	26	21	15	17	2	
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The Democratic Party							[147]
January 2002 *.....	16	33	23	15	11	2	
December 2001.....	18	30	26	14	9	3	
June 2001.....	15	31	24	17	11	2	
March 2001.....	17	27	24	16	14	2	
January 2001.....	21	26	22	16	13	2	
December 2000.....	23	23	18	16	18	2	
October 2000+.....	20	27	20	15	16	2	
September 2000+.....	23	26	19	17	14	1	
August 2000+.....	21	26	23	16	13	1	
July 2000+.....	19	27	24	15	14	1	
June 2000+.....	15	32	23	15	13	2	
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High							
January 2000.....	20	30	23	15	10	2	
Low							
December 1994.....	10	23	25	24	16	2	

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Q.6 (cont'd)

	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	
Dick Cheney							[148]
January 2002 *.....	32	30	21	6	5	6	
December 2001.....	36	27	23	3	6	5	
June 2001.....	26	22	22	14	11	5	
April 2001.....	31	21	22	10	9	7	
March 2001.....	30	26	22	8	6	8	
January 2001.....	23	26	26	9	7	9	
December 2000.....	23	26	22	10	11	8	
October 2000+.....	25	24	26	8	9	8	
September 2000+.....	17	26	22	12	8	15	
July 2000+.....	19	23	26	9	6	17	
March 1991+.....	27	33	15	4	2	19	
<i>High</i>							
February 1991+.....	33	33	13	2	2	17	
<i>Low</i>							
July 2000+.....	19	23	26	9	6	17	
Richard Gephardt							[149]
January 2002 *.....	6	21	25	10	8	30	
September 1998.....	6	18	35	9	5	27	
October 1997.....	4	18	30	12	6	30	
September 1997.....	6	15	32	8	7	32	
March 1992.....	4	19	29	11	7	30	
March 1991.....	5	21	28	10	4	32	
Bill Clinton							[150]
January 2002 *.....	17	19	13	13	36	2	
June 2001.....	18	21	15	15	31	-	
April 2001.....	20	20	15	11	34	-	
March 2001.....	17	17	13	14	38	1	
January 2001.....	32	24	11	12	21	-	
December 2000.....	33	23	11	12	21	-	
Likely voters November 2000+.....	22	20	11	11	35	1	
Likely voters October 2000+.....	25	23	8	12	32	-	
September 2000+.....	25	25	10	13	27	-	
August 2000+.....	24	22	11	13	30	-	
July 2000+.....	22	27	11	12	28	-	
<i>High</i>							
January 1993.....	33	31	15	9	7	5	
<i>Low</i>							
March 2001.....	17	17	13	14	38	1	

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Q.6 (cont'd)

	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	
The Republican Party							[151]
January 2002 **.....	20	32	24	12	9	3	
December 2001.....	21	36	18	13	9	3	
June 2001.....	13	30	21	19	16	1	
March 2001.....	18	31	21	15	14	1	
January 2001.....	14	30	25	15	14	2	
December 2000.....	18	26	23	14	18	1	
October 2000+.....	14	29	25	16	14	2	
September 2000+.....	14	33	19	20	13	1	
August 2000+.....	19	27	23	14	15	2	
July 2000+.....	15	28	24	16	15	2	
June 2000+.....	9	30	28	16	15	2	
<i>High</i>							
December 2001.....	21	36	18	13	9	3	
<i>Low</i>							
March 1999.....	1	22	23	19	23	2	
Tom Daschle							[152]
January 2002 **.....	8	24	21	8	11	28	
December 2001.....	11	23	27	7	6	26	
December 2000.....	3	7	17	5	4	64	
Al Gore							[153]
January 2002 **.....	12	21	31	15	18	3	
June 2001.....	14	24	25	17	18	2	
March 2001.....	16	25	22	17	19	1	
January 2001.....	22	29	15	15	18	1	
December 2000.....	23	21	11	14	30	1	
November 27, 2000.....	31	16	10	17	26	-	
Likely voters November 2000+.....	25	22	15	17	20	1	
Likely voters October 2000+.....	24	25	11	15	25	-	
September 2000+.....	26	26	14	15	18	1	
August 2000+.....	22	22	19	15	21	1	
July 2000+.....	17	26	18	15	23	1	
<i>High</i>							
January 1993.....	23	32	22	9	6	8	
<i>Low</i>							
June 2000+.....	12	25	24	17	21	1	
Tom DeLay							[154]
January 2002 **.....	2	12	21	6	7	52	
December 2000.....	2	7	19	5	8	59	
July 2000+.....	3	7	18	4	9	59	
July 1999.....	2	7	19	3	4	65	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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- 7a. Now I'd like to read you a list of legislative priorities. Please tell me which ONE you feel is the most important priority for the President and Congress to address this year. **(ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE. IF "ALL," ASK:)** Well, if you had to choose just one, which priority do you think is MOST important?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF TOP PRIORITY

	Q.7a Top Priority			Q.7a/b COMBINED Top/Second Priorities			
	1/02	12/01	6/01	1/02	12/01	6/01	
Dealing with terrorism.....	26	36	NA	43	56	NA	[155-158]
Stimulating the economy.....	23	31	NA	43	59	NA	
Reforming and improving education ¹	13	10	26	29	25	46	
Preserving the Social Security system ²	11	10	13	25	27	31	
Providing prescription-drug benefits to seniors.....	8	NA	NA	17	NA	NA	
Increasing unemployment compensation and health care benefits for the unemployed.....	5	NA	NA	12	NA	NA	
Reforming the campaign-finance system...	5	NA	NA	9	NA	NA	
All equally important (VOL).....	9	7	9	11	7	10	
None important (VOL).....	-	1	1	1	1	2	
Not sure.....	-	-	1	1	1	2	

¹ In June 2001, item was phrased, "Reforming the education system."

² In June 2001, item was phrased, "Reforming the Social Security system."

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO CHOOSE A MOST IMPORTANT PRIORITY IN Q.7a.)

- 7b. And which of these issues do you think should be the next priority for the President and Congress to address this year? **(ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE. IF "ALL," ASK:)** Well, if you had to choose just one, which priority do you think is the SECOND-MOST important?
8. Now I'm going to read you a list of issues facing the country. Please tell me which area you think the President and Congress need to pay the most attention to this year. **(ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE. IF "ALL," ASK:)** Well, if you had to choose just one, which issue should they pay the MOST attention to?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

The economy and the recession.....	28	[159]
The war on terrorism.....	26	
Health care and Medicare issues.....	13	
Domestic issues such as education and the environment....	11	
Energy independence from foreign countries.....	11	
All equally important (VOL).....	9	
None/other (VOL).....	1	
Not sure.....	1	

9a. Who do you want to see take the lead role in setting policy for the country--President Bush or Congress?

	<u>1/02</u>	<u>3/99</u> ¹	<u>1/99</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>6/97</u>	<u>4/97</u>	
President Bush.....	44	35	38	28	35	35	38	[160]
Congress.....	32	47	43	49	43	45	44	
Shared/equal role (VOL).....	22	10	12	17	14	12	12	
Neither (VOL).....	1	5	5	4	4	5	3	
Not sure.....	1	3	2	2	4	3	3	
			<u>1/97</u>	<u>12/96</u>	<u>3/95</u>	<u>12/94</u>	<u>11/94</u> ⁺	
			34	38	33	31	30	
			43	44	54	55	55	
			18	14	6	8	11	
			2	2	3	2	1	
			3	2	4	4	3	

¹ Prior to January 2002, this question was phrased, "Who do you want to see take the lead role in setting policy for the country--*President Clinton* or the Congress?"

+ Asked only of registered voters.

9b. I'm going to read you two statements about the role of government, and I'd like to know which one comes closer to your point of view.

Statement A: Government should do more to solve problems and help meet the needs of people. OR

Statement B: Government is doing too many things better left to businesses and individuals.

	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>12/95</u> ¹	
A/government should do more.....	45	41	32	[161]
B/government is doing too many things....	43	51	62	
Some of both (VOL).....	9	5	NA	
Not sure.....	3	3	6	

¹ In December 1995, this question was phrased, "Some people think the government is trying to do too many things that should be left to individuals and businesses. Others think that government should do more to solve our country's problems. Which comes closer to your own view?"

Turning to the elections for the House and Senate later this year . . .

10a. What is your preference for the outcome of the November 2002 congressional elections--a Congress controlled by Republicans or a Congress controlled by Democrats? ¹

	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	
Republican-controlled Congress.....	44	42	40	39	39	42	41	37	[162]
Democrat-controlled Congress.....	40	40	44	41	43	41	40	43	
Not sure ²	16	18	16	20	18	17	19	20	
		<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>7/98</u>	<u>6/98</u>	<u>4/98</u>	<u>2/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	
		41	40	41	39	37	41	40	
		43	39	40	40	41	37	42	
		16	21	19	21	22	22	18	
		<u>12/97</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>7/97</u>	<u>4/97</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>12/95</u>	<u>10/94</u>	
		41	41	45	44	41	42	44	
		37	39	39	38	38	41	38	
		22	20	16	18	21	17	18	

¹ In October 1994, the question referred to the 1994 congressional elections; the 1995 and 1996 survey dates referred to the 1996 congressional elections; the 1997 and 1998 dates refer to the 1998 congressional elections.

² The volunteered responses "both equal," "neither in control," or "doesn't matter," were reported separately; for purposes of comparative they are combined with "not sure."

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

10b. In this year's election for U.S. House of Representatives, do you plan to vote for the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate in your district? (IF "NOT SURE," ASK:) Well, which way do you lean at this time?

	<u>1/02</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>7/98</u>	<u>6/98</u>	<u>4/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>9/98+</u>	<u>7/98+</u>	<u>6/98+</u>	<u>4/98+</u>	<u>1/98+</u>	<u>10/96+</u>	
Vote for the Republican candidate.....	34	40	34	32	32	30	30	35	33	34	30	32	38	[163]
Vote for the Democratic candidate.....	33	43	36	34	36	36	36	37	35	37	37	36	39	
Depends (VOL).....	16	8	14	15	16	18	22	14	16	16	20	22	8	
Other/neither/														
won't vote (VOL).....	3	2	4	5	6	4	3	2	2	3	1	2	1	
Not sure.....	14	7	12	14	10	12	9	12	14	10	12	8	14	
			<u>8/20-</u>	<u>8/2-</u>										
		<u>9/96+</u>	<u>21/96+</u>	<u>6/96+</u>	<u>7/96+</u>	<u>6/96+</u>	<u>5/96+</u>	<u>3/96</u>	<u>12/95¹</u>	<u>11/94</u>	<u>10/94</u>	<u>10/94+</u>	<u>9/94</u>	
		36	37	38	37	35	36	36	34	40	39	41	33	
		42	38	38	40	40	39	38	36	37	36	36	39	
		7	11	10	10	10	9	12	17	6	6	7	9	
		2	2	2	1	1	2	3	3	3	5	2	5	
		13	12	12	12	14	14	11	10	14	14	14	14	

¹ Prior to March 1996, this question was phrased, "election for U.S. Congress..."

+ Asked only of registered voters.

11. Let me read you several factors some people say they will consider in deciding which candidate to vote for in this November's congressional election. For each one that I mention, please tell me whether this factor will be important enough to determine your vote, a significant consideration, or not a consideration at all.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO DETERMINE VOTE

	Important Enough To Determine Vote	A Significant Consideration	Not A Consideration At All	Depends (VOL)	Not Sure	
The candidate has a strong record of delivering for your district.....	43	43	11	2	1	[166]
The candidate has the endorsement of President Bush.....	20	27	50	1	2	[165]
The candidate has the endorsement of environmental groups.....	19	32	45	2	2	[167]
The candidate is the incumbent.....	10	22	61	2	5	[164]

12. Please tell me which ONE or TWO of the following issues will be the most important to you in voting in this November's congressional election. **(ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES. IF "ALL," ASK:)** If you absolutely had to choose, which ONE or TWO issues would you say are most important to you?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

The economy.....	40	[168]
The war on terrorism.....	30	>
Education.....	22	
Health care.....	19	
Social Security.....	17	
Taxes.....	15	
All equally important (VOL).....	10	
None/other (VOL).....	1	
Not sure.....	-	

13. I'm going to read you several proposals that Congress is considering, and for each one, I'd like to know whether you favor or oppose that proposal. **

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY FAVOR

	Favor	Oppose	Not Sure	
Providing prescription-drug benefits for senior citizens.....	88	6	6	[173]
Providing assistance to people with no health insurance.....	82	11	7	[172]
Providing tax cuts to individuals.....	67	25	8	[169]
Increasing defense spending.....	64	28	8	[171]
Providing tax cuts to businesses.....	41	48	11	[170]

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

14. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? **(IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:)** Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? **(IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:)** Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic Party, closer to the Republican Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent?

Strong Democrat.....	20		[174]
Not very strong Democrat.....	8	CONTINUE	
Independent/lean Democrat.....	11		
Strictly independent.....	17		
Independent/lean Republican.....	9		
Not very strong Republican.....	8	Skip to Q.15b	
Strong Republican.....	20		
Other	5		
Not sure/nothing.....	2		

(ASK ONLY OF DEMOCRATS IN Q.14.)

- 15a. Let me read you a list of people who might seek the Democratic nomination for president in 2004. If the next Democratic primary for president were being held today, which one of the following candidates would you vote for? **(IF "NOT SURE," ASK:)** Well, which way do you lean?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Al Gore.....	35	[175-176]
Bill Bradley.....	9	
Joe Lieberman.....	9	
Tom Daschle.....	9	
Richard Gephardt.....	8	
John Kerry.....	6	
John Edwards.....	3	
Joe Biden.....	3	
None/other (VOL).....	4	
Not sure.....	14	

- 15b. If the next election for president were held today, and George W. Bush were running as the Republican candidate and Al Gore were running as the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote?

George W. Bush.....	63	[177]
Al Gore.....	28	
Neither/other (VOL).....	3	
Not sure.....	6	

- 15c. If the next election for president were held today, and George W. Bush were running as the Republican candidate and Richard Gephardt were running as the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote?

George W. Bush.....	67	[178]
Richard Gephardt.....	21	
Neither/other (VOL).....	3	
Not sure.....	9	

Now I'd like to ask you a few questions about President George W. Bush.

- 16a. Compared to what you expected when George W. Bush took office a year ago, do you feel that he has done better than you expected, worse than you expected, or just about as you expected?

	<i>George W. Bush</i>	<i>Bill Clinton</i>	
	<u>1/02*</u>	<u>1/94</u>	
Better than expected.....	67	17	[179]
Worse than expected.....	3	15	
Just about as expected.....	28	65	
Not sure.....	2	3	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 16b. Which phrase best describes your feelings about how George W. Bush will continue to do during his presidency--optimistic and confident that he will do a good job, satisfied and hopeful that he will do a good job, uncertain and wondering whether he will do a good job, or pessimistic and worried that he will do a bad job?

	<u>1/02</u>	<u>1/01¹</u>	<u>11/00</u>	<u>11/00+</u>	<u>10/00+</u>	
Optimistic and confident.....	43	24	28	29	27	[180]
Satisfied and hopeful.....	36	35	24	25	29	
Uncertain and wondering.....	14	28	24	23	24	
Pessimistic and worried.....	7	12	22	21	19	
Not sure.....	-	1	2	2	1	

¹ In January 2001, this question was phrased, "Which phrase best describes your feelings about how George W. Bush will do during his presidency..." Prior to January 2001, this question was phrased "Which of the following best describes how you would feel if George W. Bush were elected president...?"

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

- 16c. How would you rate George W. Bush on the following qualities, using a five-point scale on which a "5" means a very good rating, a "1" means a very poor rating, and a "3" means a mixed rating. *

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO GIVE A GOOD RATING (RATING OF "4" OR "5")

	Very Good Rating			Very Poor Rating		Cannot Rate	
	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>		
Having the ability to handle a crisis							[212]
January 2002.....	63	18	12	4	3	-	
January 2001.....	20	27	29	11	11	2	
Representing traditional American values							[208]
January 2002.....	50	25	17	4	4	-	
January 2001.....	30	29	25	7	8	1	
Having the strong leadership qualities needed to be president							[213]
January 2002.....	49	24	17	5	5	-	
January 2001.....	26	24	25	13	11	1	
December 1999.....	26	27	24	10	9	4	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

Q.16c (cont'd) *

	Very Good Rating			Very Poor Rating		Cannot Rate	
	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>		
Being in charge and making his own decisions							[211]
January 2002.....	40	27	18	7	7	1	
January 2001.....	24	25	24	11	14	2	
Being knowledgeable and experienced enough to handle the presidency							[214]
January 2002.....	39	28	21	6	6	-	
January 2001.....	19	25	25	16	14	1	
Being compassionate enough to understand average people							[209]
January 2002.....	44	21	20	6	8	1	
January 2001.....	21	21	27	14	16	1	
December 1999.....	22	24	28	10	12	4	
Working effectively with Congress to get results							[210]
January 2002.....	26	32	29	6	5	2	
January 2001.....	19	27	36	8	8	2	
December 1999.....	18	30	32	7	7	6	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

17. Which issue do you think President Bush will pay more attention to this year--continuing the war on terrorism or dealing with domestic problems?

Continuing the war on terrorism.....	64	[215]
Dealing with domestic problems.....	16	
Both equally (VOL).....	18	
Not sure.....	2	

18. Do you think that things in America are back to normal, are almost back to normal, still have a long way to go before being back to normal, or are still very shaky and will never return to normal?

Back to normal.....	5	[216]
Almost back to normal.....	35	
Still have a long way to go.....	44	
Still very shaky.....	15	
Not sure.....	1	

19. When it comes to taking military action in the war against terrorism, do you think that most of the military action that needs to be taken is still ahead of us, or that most of the military action has been taken and is already behind us?

Most military action still ahead of us.....	64	[217]
Most military action is already behind us...	26	
Depends (VOL).....	5	
Not sure.....	5	

20. How likely do you think it is that the United States will be the target of another major terrorist attack at home or overseas in the next few months--very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely, or very unlikely?

	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	
Very likely.....	44	45	[218]
Somewhat likely.....	37	40	
Somewhat unlikely.....	11	10	
Very unlikely.....	5	3	
Not sure.....	3	2	

- 21a. Do you think that the United States will ever capture or kill international terrorist Osama Bin Laden, or not?

	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>9/01</u>	
Yes, will capture or kill.....	51	66	73	[219]
No, will never capture or kill.....	33	23	15	
Not sure.....	16	11	12	

- 21b. Do you think that capturing or killing Osama Bin Laden is necessary to successfully conclude the campaign in Afghanistan, or not?

Capturing or killing is necessary.....	44	[220]
Capturing or killing is NOT necessary.....	52	
Not sure.....	4	

22. Now I would like to mention some actions that might be taken in the war against terrorism, and for each one, please tell me whether you think the United States should or should not take that action.

	<u>Should Take Action</u>	<u>Should Not Take Action</u>	<u>Depends (VOL)</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Take military action against terrorist cells in other countries, such as the Philippines, Somalia, and Sudan					[221]
January 2002 **.....	71	20	5	4	
December 2001.....	64	23	6	7	
Take military action against Iraq and Saddam Hussein, even if Iraq had nothing to do with the September 11 attacks					[222]
January 2002 **.....	47	42	4	7	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Now I'd like to ask you a few questions about the economy, the budget, and taxes.

23a. How satisfied are you with the state of the U.S. economy today--are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with the state of the economy?

	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>High</u> <u>9/98</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>1/96</u>	[223]
Very satisfied.....	4	5	18	29	23	26	31	3	
Somewhat satisfied.....	43	47	57	52	53	54	55	37	
Somewhat dissatisfied.....	39	32	18	12	17	13	10	38	
Very dissatisfied.....	13	15	6	6	7	6	3	19	
Not sure.....	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	3	
		<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>6/97</u>	<u>3/97</u>	<u>12/96</u>	
		27	31	18	13	10	13	9	
		55	55	52	52	51	45	51	
		12	10	20	23	27	27	27	
		5	3	8	10	10	13	11	
		1	1	2	2	2	2	2	
	<u>9/96</u>	<u>6/96</u>	<u>5/96+</u>	<u>3/96</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>7/95</u>	<u>4/95</u>	<u>12/9</u>	
								<u>4</u>	
	7	5	4	3	3	4	4	4	
	49	43	43	39	37	39	40	41	
	30	32	38	37	38	35	37	38	
	12	18	14	19	19	21	18	15	
	2	2	1	2	3	1	1	2	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

23b. How satisfied are you with your own financial situation today--are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with your financial situation?

	<u>1/02</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>High</u> <u>9/98</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>12/94</u>	[224]
Very satisfied.....	19	21	25	21	22	25	26	13	
Somewhat satisfied.....	50	50	51	53	50	51	52	48	
Somewhat dissatisfied.....	19	17	13	14	18	13	14	24	
Very dissatisfied.....	12	11	10	11	10	10	7	14	
Not sure.....	-	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	
		<u>9/98</u>	<u>12/9</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>6/97</u>	<u>3/97</u>	<u>12/96</u>	<u>12/94</u>	
			<u>7</u>						
		26	20	19	16	17	16	13	
		52	51	49	50	48	50	48	
		14	16	17	20	20	21	24	
		7	12	14	13	14	12	14	
		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

23c. Looking ahead to the next year or so, do you expect to be better off financially, worse off, or about the same as you are today?

	<u>1/02</u>	<u>9/99</u>	[225]
Better off.....	45	44	
Worse off.....	5	5	
About the same.....	48	49	
Not sure.....	2	2	

24. How likely do you think it is that you or someone in your household will lose their job as a result of a recession in the next 12 months--extremely likely, very likely, just somewhat likely, or not that likely?

	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>9/91¹</u>	
Extremely likely.....	6	8	8	[226]
Very likely.....	7	7	10	
Just somewhat likely.....	18	20	21	
Not that likely.....	67	64	58	
Not sure.....	2	1	3	

¹ In September 1991, this question was phrased, "How likely do you think it is that you or someone in your household will lose their job as a result of the recession..."

25. Do you think the worst of the recession is over or is yet to come?

	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/91+</u>	<u>9/91</u>	
Worst is over.....	47	28	43	[227]
Worst is yet to come.....	41	62	49	
Not sure.....	12	10	8	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

26. Whom do you blame most for the recession? **(ACCEPT UP TO ONE RESPONSE. IF "ALL," ASK:) Well, who do you think is MOST responsible?**

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

The normal business cycle.....	35	[228]
The September 11 attacks and the war on terrorism.....	32	
Democrats in Congress.....	8	
Republicans in Congress.....	6	
President George W. Bush.....	5	
Alan Greenspan.....	3	
None of these/other (VOL).....	6	
Not sure.....	5	

27. Do you think that proper government economic policies can or cannot speed the nation's recovery from the recession?

Government policies can speed recovery...	72	[229]
Government policies cannot speed recovery.....	15	
Mixed/depends (VOL).....	6	
Don't know/not sure.....	7	

28. Who do you think has the better approach on how to get the country out of a recession--President Bush or the Democrats in Congress?

	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	
President Bush.....	42	46	[230]
The Democrats in Congress.....	29	25	
Both equally (VOL).....	15	13	
Neither.....	4	NA	
Not sure.....	10	16	

29. Which of the following legislative options designed to stimulate the economy do you think should be a higher priority--providing health and economic benefits to households with laid-off workers or providing tax cuts to businesses?

Providing benefits to households with laid-off workers.....	57	[231]
Providing tax cuts to businesses.....	30	
Neither (VOL).....	6	
Not sure.....	7	

- 30a. As you may know, the federal budget was running a surplus but is now running a deficit. Do you consider this a very serious problem, a fairly serious problem, just somewhat of a problem, or not really a problem?

Very serious problem.....	26	[232]
Fairly serious problem.....	23	
Just somewhat of a problem.....	34	
Not really a problem.....	16	
Not sure.....	1	

- 30b. What do you think has contributed the most to the federal budget deficit--the recession, the war on terrorism, or the President's tax cut enacted last year? **(ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE. IF "ALL," ASK:) Well, which do you think has contributed the MOST to the deficit?**

The recession.....	28	[233]
The war on terrorism.....	36	
The tax cut.....	17	
All/none/other (VOL).....	13	
Not sure.....	6	

- 31a. Do you think the tax cut bill that Congress passed and the President signed last year helped the economy, hurt the economy, or didn't have any significant effect?

Helped economy.....	27	[234]
Hurt economy.....	17	
No significant effect.....	45	
Had mixed effects (VOL).....	5	
Not sure.....	6	

- 31b. Which of these two statements comes closer to your point of view?

Statement A: Democrats favor delaying the tax cut for households with an annual income of more than \$130,000, because there is a budget deficit and funds are needed for other programs. OR

Statement B: Republicans favor maintaining the tax cut for all Americans, because the tax cuts are needed to stimulate the economy.

A/Delay tax cut for over-\$130,000 households.....	34	[235]
B/Maintain tax cut for all Americans.....	57	
Depends (VOL).....	3	
Not sure.....	6	

- 31c. What if the choice were between delaying tax cuts for upper-income households or reducing spending on domestic programs--would you favor delaying the tax cuts for upper-income households or reducing spending on domestic programs?

Delay tax cut for upper-income households.....	56	[236]
Reduce spending on domestic programs.....	32	
Depends (VOL).....	4	
Not sure.....	8	

32. Do you think the September 11 attacks and the war on terrorism caused the recession to be worse than it otherwise would have been, caused it not to be as bad as it otherwise would have been, or did they not have any significant effect on the recession?

Caused recession to be worse.....	78	[237]
Caused recession to not be as bad.....	6	
Did not have any significant effect.....	14	
Not sure.....	2	

33. I am going to read a list of institutions in American society, and I'd like you to tell me how much confidence you have in each one--a great deal, quite a bit, some, very little, or none at all?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY A GREAT DEAL OF CONFIDENCE

	<u>A Great Deal Of Confidence</u>	<u>Quite A Bit Of Confidence</u>	<u>Some Confidence</u>	<u>Very Little Confidence</u>	<u>No Confidence At All</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
The military							[238]
January 2002 **.....	54	31	11	2	1	1	
December 2000.....	36	27	25	7	3	2	
June 1998 ¹	33	31	25	9	1	2	
May 1996 ¹	30	36	25	7	-	2	
January 1996 ²	32	38	22	7	-	1	
December 1991 ³	47	31	15	6	NA	1	
December 1988 ⁴	15	31	33	15	NA	7	
October 1986 ⁴	29	34	24	10	1	2	
November 1981 ⁴	22	28	29	14	6	2	
January 1977 ⁴	23	34	25	11	1	6	
June 1975 ⁴	27	31	25	11	1	5	

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Q.33 (cont'd)

	<u>A Great Deal Of Confidence</u>	<u>Quite A Bit Of Confidence</u>	<u>Some Confidence</u>	<u>Very Little Confidence</u>	<u>No Confidence At All</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Congress							[240]
January 2002 **	13	24	44	15	3	1	
December 2000	10	16	48	18	6	2	
June 1998 ¹	10	18	48	20	2	2	
February 1997 ⁵	7	14	46	32	NA	1	
January 1996 ²	4	10	41	41	3	1	
December 1991 ³	7	10	39	43	NA	1	
December 1988 ⁴	8	20	41	26	NA	6	
October 1986 ⁴	10	31	43	12	1	3	
November 1981 ⁴	8	21	41	22	6	3	
January 1977 ⁴	12	28	34	17	1	7	
June 1975 ⁴	14	26	38	18	1	3	
The national news media							[242]
January 2002 **	13	17	39	19	10	2	
December 2000	7	13	39	25	15	1	
February 1997 ⁵	5	15	39	40	NA	1	
January 1996 ²	6	14	40	37	2	1	
December 1991 ³	16	21	38	25	NA	1	
The financial industry							[239]
January 2002 **	10	18	50	16	3	3	
December 2000	11	25	45	13	4	2	
The accounting profession							[243]
January 2002 **	9	16	41	20	7	7	
Large corporations							[241]
January 2002 **	8	14	44	23	9	2	
December 2000	9	17	42	22	8	2	
July 1998 ⁴	13	18	42	22	2	3	
January 1996 ²	6	15	45	30	2	2	
December 1991 ³	11	15	47	26	NA	2	
December 1988 ⁴	6	16	39	32	NA	8	
October 1986 ⁴	7	21	40	26	2	4	
November 1981 ⁴	6	14	36	29	11	3	
January 1977 ⁴	11	21	35	25	2	6	
June 1975 ⁴	10	24	36	23	2	5	

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34a. How concerned would you say you are about the situation involving Enron--very concerned, fairly concerned, just somewhat concerned, or not concerned at all?

Very concerned.....	35	[244]
Fairly concerned.....	17	
Just somewhat concerned.....	23	
Not concerned at all.....	17	
Not sure.....	8	

34b. Do you think the Bush administration did or did not grant special considerations and favors to Enron?

Did grant special favors.....	34	[245]
Did not grant special favors.....	33	
Depends (VOL).....	3	
Not sure.....	30	

34c. Do you think the Bush administration should or should not have notified Enron shareholders and government regulators of the company's financial problems?

Should have notified.....	59	[246]
Should not have notified.....	25	
Don't know/not sure.....	16	

Changing subjects . . .

35. Do you favor or oppose an outright ban on the cloning of human beings?

	<u>1/02</u>	<u>1/98</u>	
Favor.....	54	58	[247]
Oppose.....	39	36	
Not sure.....	7	6	

FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

F1. Are you currently registered to vote in the precinct or election district where you live now, or haven't you had a chance to register yet?

Yes, registered.....	87	[250]
No, not registered.....	11	
Not sure.....	2	

F2. Are you currently employed?

(IF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:) What type of work do you do?

(IF NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:) Are you a student, a homemaker, retired, or unemployed and looking for work?

<u>Currently Employed</u>		
Professional/ manager.....	26	[251-252]
White-collar worker.....	21	
Blue-collar worker.....	17	
Farmer, rancher.....	-	
<u>Not Currently Employed</u>		
Student.....	3	
Homemaker.....	6	
Retired.....	20	
Unemployed, looking for work.....	5	
Other.....	-	
Not sure.....	2	

F3. Did you happen to vote in the 2000 presidential election? **(IF "YES," ASK:)** For whom did you vote -- George W. Bush, the Republican, Al Gore, the Democrat, Ralph Nader, the Green Party candidate, or Pat Buchanan, the Reform Party candidate?

Yes, Voted	[259]
Voted for George W. Bush.....	43
Voted for Al Gore.....	33
Voted for Ralph Nader.....	2
Voted for Pat Buchanan.....	-
Voted for other candidate (VOL).....	1
Not sure who voted for (VOL).....	1
No, Did Not Vote	16
No, was too young to vote (VOL).....	1
Not Sure/Refused	3

F4. How old are you? **(IF "REFUSED," ASK:)** Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to?

18-24.....	9	50-54.....	10	[261-262]
25-29.....	7	55-59.....	7	
30-34.....	10	60-64.....	6	
35-39.....	9	65-69.....	6	
40-44.....	11	70-74.....	5	
45-49.....	11	75 and over.....	7	
		Refused.....	2	

F5. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

Grade school.....	1	[263-264]
Some high school.....	5	
High school graduate.....	30	
Some college, no degree.....	19	
Vocational training/2-year college.....	8	
4-year college/bachelor's degree.....	20	
Some postgraduate work, no degree.....	3	
2 or 3 years' postgraduate work/master's degree....	9	
Doctoral/law degree.....	3	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

F6. Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be liberal, moderate, or conservative?

Liberal.....	20	[265]
Moderate.....	41	
Conservative.....	33	
Not sure.....	6	

F7. Are you currently single and never married, married, separated, widowed, or divorced?

Single.....	20	[266]
Married.....	59	
Separated.....	2	
Widowed.....	8	
Divorced.....	9	
Other (VOL).....	-	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

F8a. In what religion were you brought up?

Protestant.....	49	CONTINUE	[267]
Catholic.....	30		
Jewish.....	2		
Muslim.....	-	Skip to	
Other.....	12	Q.F9	
None.....	5		
Not sure/refused.....	2		

(ASK ONLY OF PROTESTANTS IN Q.F8a.)

F8b. Would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or an evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way?

Fundamentalist/evangelical.....	16	[268]
Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical.....	29	
Not sure.....	4	
Non-Protestants (Q.F8a).....	51	

F9. Are you a member of a labor union? **(IF "NO," ASK:)** Is anyone else in this household a member of a labor union?

Labor union member.....	11	[269]
Labor union household.....	6	
Non-union household.....	81	
Not sure.....	2	

F10a. Are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

Yes.....	8	[270]
No.....	90	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

F10b. What is your race--white, black, Asian, or something else?

White.....	81	[271]
Black.....	10	
Asian.....	1	
Other.....	1	
Hispanic (VOL).....	6	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

F11. Finally, if you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than ten thousand dollars, between ten thousand dollars and twenty thousand dollars, between twenty thousand dollars and thirty thousand dollars, between thirty thousand dollars and forty thousand dollars, between forty thousand dollars and fifty thousand dollars, between fifty thousand dollars and seventy-five thousand dollars, between seventy-five thousand dollars and one hundred thousand dollars, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000.....	4	[272]
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000.....	7	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000.....	11	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000.....	12	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000.....	10	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000.....	16	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000.....	12	
More than \$100,000.....	12	
Not sure/refused.....	16	